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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Robert Smart, House Armed Services Committee Staff, Regarding NIEs

While talking with Bob Smart on other matters, he brought up the question of the NIE process. He discussed it in terms of majority and minority positions and I attempted to explain to him the Director's concept of his sole responsibility for preparation of Estimates, utilizing the resources of the entire intelligence community and permitting them to dissent from his position. Mr. Smart raised the question of reviewing some of the Estimates and I said that this possibly would raise a question. In discussing the matter further, Mr. Smart requested that he be provided with a tabulation for 1958 of the total number of NIEs with the number of dissents or footnotes and who dissented. I advised that I saw no reason why this could not be prepared.

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Per [REDACTED] Dr. Kent talked with [REDACTED] and declined to prepare a tabulation on dissents and footnotes in NIE's but volunteered to talk to the staff about the matter. [REDACTED] said "fine." [REDACTED] will set up meeting.

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